

## WOMT Notes

### February 19, 2014 Meeting

#### **1. General Information:**

**CVP:** *Keswick Release @ 3,250 cfs*

*Nimbus Release @ 500 cfs*

*Goodwin Release @ 200 cfs*

*Jones Pumping Plant @ 2,600 cfs (\*Note - Bypass #4 is back in operations)*

*X-channel Gates: Closed*

*Federal Share of San Luis @ 358 TAF*

**SWP:** *Oroville Release @ 950 cfs*

*Clifton Court Allotment @ 1,500 cfs*

*State Share of San Luis @ 306 TAF*

*Freeport Flow approx. 11,000 cfs*

*Vernalis Flow approx. 800 cfs*

*Delta Outflow approx. 7,200 cfs*

*OMR approx. -4,000 cfs 5 day-average*

**SWRCB:** (1) Holding TUC workshops February 18 and 19; (2) TUC Order-mandated report by DWR and Reclamation on Minimum Health and Safety Export Levels filed; (3) Term 91 suspended temporarily on Feb. 11 through March 15

**Current Water Project Operations Status:** Last week, projects operated to meet OMR no more negative than -5000 cfs; this week, projects will operate to meet February Delta Outflow minimums of no less than 7,100 cfs; this weekend and next week, projects will probably be operating at TUC authorized levels regarding Delta Outflow below 7,100 cfs with exports at minimum public health and safety levels.

**NMFS – Biological Opinion for CV Salmonids, Steelhead, Sturgeon:**

- (1) OMR no more negative than -5000 cfs (January 1 – June 15 requirement);
- (2) No advice from DOSS, therefore no NMFS determination necessary.

**USFWS – Delta Smelt:** At current and projected export levels, the risk of entrainment to Delta smelt is low, therefore no change in operations is recommended per SWG; No determination from USFWS.

**DFW – Longfin Smelt:** Current export rates are protective of Longfin Smelt at this time. Continue w/ Incidental Take Permit Condition 5.3, which limits Barker Slough Diversion Rates to no greater than 50 cfs on a 7 day running average basis until March 31 or earlier if no larval Longfin Smelt are detected at Station 716 in subsequent surveys. Currently in field conducting updated field surveys.

**2. WOMT Decisions** - None